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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension of time to and including January 10, 2006 to respond to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2005.

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